

| GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR November 6, 2012 (Based on statutes as of June 6, 2012) | |
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| March 27, 2012 | First day for independent and new political party candidates to circulate petitions for: Countywide Offices (4-yr term): Circuit Clerk, Coroner, Recorder, State's Attorney County Board Member: All districts North Shore Sanitary District Trustee: All districts |
| June 18, 2012 | First day for independent and new political party candidates to file nomination papers. |
| June 25, 2012 | Last day for independent and new political party candidates to file nomination papers. Last day for independent and new political party candidates to file a Statement of Economic Interests. The receipt must be filed with the candidate's nomination papers on or before this date. |
| August 6, 2012 | Last day for filing petitions (must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators) for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy with the local election official. (Exception: proposition to create a political subdivision, proposition held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code). |
| August 20, 2012 | Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow a binding public question to appear on the ballot. County, Municipal, Township and Park District Boards may place advisory referenda on the ballot by resolution. |
| September 27, 2012 | First day to request a ballot by mail. |
| October 9, 2012 | Close of Voter Registration at the office of municipal and township clerks and with deputy registrars and agencies. |
| October 10, 2012 | Grace Period Registration/Address Change begins at County Clerk's Office. |
| October 22, 2012 * | First day for early voting. |
| November 3, 2012 * | Last day for early voting and Grace Period Registration/Address Change at County Clerk's Office. |
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| November 8, 2012 | VOTER REGISTRATION REOPENS. |

- * Once the Governor signs Senate Bill 3722, early voting for the November 2012 Election will begin the 15th day and end the 3rd day prior to Election Day and grace period registration will run through the 3rd day prior to election day.